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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : OXCART Cover

1. Attached is John McMahon's letter of 20 September which calls out the feeling of most of the Staff regarding the need for disclosing the existence of the OXCART vehicle. Also attached is Jim Cunningham's memorandum of 4 October regarding the proposed briefing of Robert Hertz, editor of Aviation Week.

2. Prior to reviewing Jim's memorandum, I talked to Colonel Ledford and stressed my conviction that we need to develop a disclosure program. He indicated a very understandable reluctance to reworking this subject and that [REDACTED] has a package of papers covering his efforts in this area.

3. I will endeavor to talk with [REDACTED] but also want to ask that you make the development of this disclosure a part of our general programming interests and have within our office papers covering all aspects of this problem.

[REDACTED]
Chief, Programs Staff
(Special Activities)

Attachments:

Mr. McMahon's Letter, dtd 20 Sept. 63
Mr. Cunningham's Memo, dtd 4 Oct. 63

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